

#### Additional Local.

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Of Herr Heberlein who appears here January 15, in the high school lecture course, the Detroit Tribune says: Long before the program was ended his audience was willing to state upon their own authority that Mr. Heberlein was one of the greatest soloists on his instrument before the public. He played, including encores, six solos and a part in a trio for cello, piano and a violin, with which the program was opened. His technique is almost flawless, and his tone is broad and telling. In matters of phrasing and tempo there was little to wish for.

Four tongs, of the very worst type, were making considerable noise on the streets yesterday afternoon. They were arrested, and after a hard struggle lodged in the lockup. They were released this morning and told to leave town. This was done, rather than put the county to the expense of feeding them for the next 30 days. What the county needs is a stone yard, where fellows of this stripe can be made to give an equivalent in hard work for the food they eat. Other counties in the state have adopted this plan of curing for tramps, and in each case it has worked satisfactorily.

If any one thinks that the meetings of the Union Aid Society are simply occasions for the exchange of the neighborhood gossip, it is a great mistake. The room in the City building where the society meets is about as busy a place as can be found, when the society is there. The good women who are banded together to care for the wants of the needy poor are there for work, and they do work, cutting the material, making garments, and making over and repairing the clothing that has been sent. To be sure, their tongues are as busy as their busy fingers, but they are planning how they can best do the great work which rests upon them.

A span of two-year-olds, belonging to Rudolph Walther, living about four and one-half miles southeast of Alma, were standing undisturbed in the rear of Hay's grocery store yesterday afternoon, while the driver was inside doing some trading. Without any apparent cause the horses started to run, and came around the corner by McCullough's at a lively gallop, upsetting the wagon box, and then turned in toward the sidewalk in front of Hay's. A horse and single buggy were hitched here, and into this the runaway team ran, locking wheels with the buggy, which brought them to a standstill. No serious damage was done.

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 9.

Will Reed has been in town today.

George Sharrar left for DeWitt yesterday afternoon.

H. J. Vermeulen returned from Toledo last evening.

Fred Osborn has been doing business in St. Louis today.

Today is the last day for the payment of taxes at one per cent.

The Board of Supervisors are in session in Ithaca this week.

No one should fail to hear Col. Francis W. Parker, Friday night.

Miss Nora Howland of Newark is visiting Miss Minnie McCarty.

Chadwick cut 100 tons of ice yesterday and put it in the Wright House ice house.

Alma physicians report very little sickness in town and the county round about.

Township treasurer Rush Wednesday deposited \$2500, amount of taxes paid in that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Finch are caring for a little boy who arrived at their home Wednesday.

Miss Fannie Smith has gone to Crawford to attend a quarterly Free Methodist camp meeting.

The members of the W. R. C. are making arrangements for a fair to be held in the near future.

Seats for the Heberlein concert may be secured at Webb's drug store. The chart will be there tomorrow.

The social given by the junior branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews netted the society seven dollars.

Will Hamann has returned to Harbor Springs, where he is under contract with the Carver Hoop Co. for another year.

Miss Edith Canfield of St. Louis, attended the junior exhibition last evening, and was the guest of the Misses Woodward.

Ammi W. Lancashire took a "header" from his toboggan slide Wednesday evening, and received painful, though not serious bruises.

Dr. J. R. Peters has leased the Alma Driving Park and will fix it up and open a training stable this summer in connection with his veterinary business.

The smile on Ed Kelly's face this morning was several degrees broader than usual. Mrs. Kelly and the children arrived from Toronto last evening.

Frank Clark of Gladwin has been visiting his brother Earl today. He came yesterday, bringing with him horses and cattle for A. W. Wright.

W. A. Miles, Columbus, O., Mrs. W. F. Harlow, DeWitt, Miss Duffin M. Dodge, Elsie, and Frank DeWitt, Chicago, are late arrivals at "The Alma."

The village has appropriated five dollars for the purpose of paying expenses necessary to allow the Alma fire department to be reinstated in the state association.

W. E. Culver won the prize at the best guesser in the progressive game contest at the social given by the junior branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, Tuesday night.

The faculty of Alma college and teachers in the public schools will tender a reception to the visiting teachers, in the Wright House parlors, Friday evening from 6:30 to 7:30.

C. A. VanDeventer of Ithaca, secretary of the Farmers' Institute, was in Alma Tuesday making necessary arrangements and perfecting the program for the event Jan. 28-30.

J. J. Kirby, who has gained a national reputation as the efficient traveling passenger agent of the T. & A. Railroad, has been deservedly promoted to the position of assistant general passenger agent of the new Ann Arbor road.

Medley & Rogers are flooding the country with bills this week announcing a reduction in sale in dry goods, carpets, blankets and capes. The boys have commenced the battle of competition in a war-like manner and don't intend to be undersold by any one.

That excellent paper, The Michigan Horse and Sporting News, has changed its place of publication from Detroit to Saginaw. The first number issued from the new office is like its predecessors, filled with spicy, timely news of the chase, and to which the paper is devoted.

Rev. W. T. Cook, formerly of this place, now of Phoenix, Arizona, in acknowledging the receipt of a purse of money sent him by Alma friends, says that his health is slowly improving, and while he likes Arizona, his heart is still in Michigan, although he never expects to return here.

F. E. Polinsky about this week with bills announcing a closing out sale of boots and shoes, clothing and gent's furnishing goods. Frank is in hopes, on account of his health, to get out of business in a few weeks, and intends to give his old friends and customers a benefit of buying cheap.

The Bay City Daily Tribune says of one member of the Heberlein Concert Co., which will be in Alma January 15: Special mention should be made of the solo, "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth," from the "Messiah," by Miss Gillies, whose charming soprano voice was never heard to better advantage than in this gem of Handel's sublime oratorio.

Supt. Pattengill expects at least two hundred visitors here for the Inspiration Institute. The hotels will not begin to take care of all who come. If any of our citizens, who have not been seen, are willing to entertain some, they are requested to send word to that effect to Supt. Ely by some of the pupils. A dollar a day is the rate fixed for private families.

#### New York Hotels.

The new hotels of New York are not as comfortable and comfortable as the old ones, said a frequent visitor to town. The new places are so heaped with modern conveniences, that the proprietors have a hard time of it in trying to make the old hotels comfortable. One consequence is that the old hotels are in a bad way. It is not such things as privacy except in the privacy of your bedroom. To find a private consultation with a friend in the parlors is impossible, unless you are in a room where there is no one else. A detective is always near you. And if you whisper you become a suspicious character at once. A wealthy westerner who has been very carefully made a scene in one of these luxurious lounging rooms the other day. Whenever he went into the parlors he was watched and followed. Either a maid or a man took turns in keeping eyes on him. At last he went up to the detective and asked him out of the room. "I live here," said he, "and I could not possibly be shadowed another five minutes." The man went out to inquire whether the detective person was a guest. Just before he went to the office he sent a maid into the parlors to see that the angry man did not steal a statue or an onyx table. —New York Sun.

#### Jose James' Bowie Knife.

Deputy sheriff McClure has the bowie knife of the noted outlaw Jose James. The knife is in a good state of preservation. It is about 8 inches in length, has the ordinary bowie knife blade and has a fine horn handle, with solid silver finishings. On one side of the handle is a silver heart, while on the other there is a large silver star. Small stars also adorn the handle. On a silver bar the name of Jose James appears, beautifully engraved. The knife is incased in a horn scabbard that is mounted with solid silver. The weapon cost the desperado \$50, but it would take several like amounts to buy it from McClure.

Ex-Sheriff Martin Aguirre once carried the dangerous instrument. It was secured years ago from Mrs. Samuels, mother of the James boys, who at one time resided here, and who perhaps still resides here. —Los Angeles Record.

#### Took Too Much For Granted.

"Have you sold that unruly horse that you had?"  
"You bet I did!"  
"How did you manage it?"  
"Told the fellow that my mother-in-law would drive him anywhere."  
"And—and—?"  
"Exactly. He had never seen her!"  
—Chicago Record.

The British Isles comprise no fewer than 4,000 separate islands and islets, without counting more jutting rocks or isolated peninsulas.

A race horse galloping at full speed clears from 20 to 24 feet every bound.

#### TOLD BY THE NAILS.

SIGNS BY WHICH A MANICURE IS ABLE TO READ CHARACTER.

Finger Nails That Indicate Love of Luxury and Others That Tell of Melancholy. Study Nails, and You Will Learn Whom to Trust and Whom to Shun.

"Dear me, but you are luxurious in your tastes!" said a pretty little manicure, who does a thriving business in caring for the hands of men as well as those of women. The customer to whom she spoke was a young woman whom the manicure had never seen before.

"And, pray, how do you know that I am luxurious in my tastes?" the customer asked in astonishment and at the same time with much interest.

"Oh, I can tell by your nails. You hear people constantly talking of character being shown in the hands, feet, eyes or mouth, but no one but a manicure with years of experience knows how people can be read by their finger nails. I've been in this business five years. Many of my customers are men, and I've got those that come to me regularly down pretty fine, and yet I've never exchanged a dozen words with most of them. I judge every body the first time that I fix the nails, and it isn't often that I make a wrong estimate of a person's character."

"But how in the world can you tell what a man or a woman is merely by the finger nails?" asked the customer.

"Because they are such tell-tales. As soon as I took your hand in mine and saw how your nails grew into the flesh at the points and sides I knew instantly that all your tastes are luxurious, and you indulge yourself too, just as far as you can, don't you?"

"I'm afraid you are right."

"There, now, I know it. All of my customers who have such tastes have nails that grow into the flesh. They quarrel about it and here me for something to stop this tendency, but I can't stop the work of nature. Of course it's ugly and often causes pain to have the nail imbed itself in the flesh, but if one is fond of self-indulgence one must pay the penalty, even to the finger nails."

"The other day a little woman came in here with pale nails. They were almost lead colored. She made two or three pleasant remarks and finally said:

"I wish my nails were pink, like those of most girls."

"But you can't have pink nails so long as you are so melancholy," I answered, and she blurted out:

"You never saw me before and don't know whether I'm melancholy or not!"

"Oh, yes, I do," I said, because the color of your nails tells me so! I've several melancholy customers, but they don't know that I know it. When a person is subject to fits of the blues, or rather is in a constant state of depression, the nails seem to turn lead colored from sympathy. If you would make up your mind to always be cheerful, your nails would grow pink after awhile."

"Then," she told me how she had lost her sweetheart just two weeks before they were to have been married and although three years have elapsed she has never been able to shake off the melancholy."

For awhile only the sound of the file was heard, and then the customer said:

"Do you know what you've been telling me is very interesting? I wish you would tell me more, for I'm going to begin to study nails."

"Well," resumed the manicure, "bread nails indicate a gentle, timid and bashful nature. Of course people with bread nails often overcome their timidity and have perfectly easy manners, but they are imperfectly so. I made a customer very angry once. She was a middle-aged woman, and it was the first time that she had ever come to me. She said that a dear friend, Mrs. Brown, who was one of my regular customers, had recommended her to come to me. As soon as I began to work on her nails she began to quarrel. She quarreled with my instruments and my way of using them, and finally let in on her dear friend for sending her to me. I worked away and said nothing, and when I finished her nails looked really beautiful. She looked at them and then at me and said:

"You must think me very disagreeable."

"Oh, no," I answered. "I know you would quarrel about something when you are told that your narrow nails told me that you had a quarrelsome nature, and you are not only quarrelsome, but you have an inordinate ambition. Pardon my frankness, but people with narrow nails like yours are always quarrelsome and ambitious."

"She flounced out, but she has come to me once a week ever since."

"That very day a stout man of athletic build came in. He fixed his piercing eyes upon me and seemed to be trying to read me, but I had the advantage, because I could read him without glancing at his nails. After a time he began to question me about my business, and I picked up courage to volunteer:

"And you are a student, you are fond of knowledge and are full of liberal sentiment."

"He stared at me as if I were crazy and said nothing more, but when he went to leave he untied a parcel, took out a book and wrote upon the fly leaf, 'For the little manicure who read the author at first sight—From the author,' and presented it to me. That author was one of the most popular belonging to the realistic school, and I guess he thought I was a witch, or of course he thought that nobody would take him for a student with his magnificent physique. He didn't know that his round nails had indicated to me what his chief characteristics were, and he has never been back since. Perhaps he was afraid of me, but anyway I prize that book he gave me above anything else that I have."

"Small nails indicate littleness of mind, obstinacy and conceit. Watch out for the person with small nails, especially if it happens to be a man, for he will be capable of petty thoughts, speeches and actions and thinks more of himself than of any one else. If it is a woman, she is apt to be spiteful and jealous, and generally speaking, says things behind your back that she wouldn't say to your face."

"People of bilious temperament have red and spotted nails, and so do martial men, delighting in war. Where you see these red nails you may be sure that the person possessing them is easily irritated, though apt to get in a good humor just as easily."

"There is a superstition to the effect that white marks on the nails denote misfortune, but there is nothing in it. These white marks, that schoolboys call 'beams' merely show that there is too much acid in the system. They are rather disgusting, but are easy enough to get rid of if one is inclined to dip for a week." —New York Sun.

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#### MARKET REPORT.

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Wheat, red, 62 1/2  
Oats, 34 1/2  
Rye, 34 1/2  
Corn, old, 34 1/2  
Corn, new, 34 1/2  
Potatoes, 20  
Apples, 25  
Clover seed, 10  
Butter, 14 1/2  
Eggs, 13  
Honey, 10  
Dried fruit, 10  
Green Hides, 65  
Turkeys, 10  
Chickens, 10  
Ducks, 10  
Geese, 10  
Pork, 10  
Beef, 10

#### LINCOLN AS A BOY.

He Was Saved Once From a Watery Grave by a Companion.

However poor the Lincoln home may have been it afforded the new child but little. He was robust and active, and life is full of interest to the child happy enough to be born in the country. He had several companions. There was his sister Nancy, or Sarah—both names are given her—two years his senior, there was a cousin of his mother's, ten years older, Dennis Hanks, an active and ingenious leader in sports and mischief, and there were the neighbors' boys. One of the latter, Austin Gollister, still tells with pleasure of how he hunted coons and ran the woods with young Lincoln and once even saved his life.

"Yes," said Mr. Gollister, "the story that I once saved Abraham Lincoln's life is true, but it is not correct as generally related."

Abraham Lincoln and I had been going to school together for a year or more and had become greatly attached to each other. Then school disbanded on account of there being so few scholars, and we did not see each other much for a long while. One Sunday my mother visited the Lincolns, and I was taken along. Abe and I played around all day. Finally we concluded to cross the creek to hunt for some partridges young Lincoln had seen the day before. The creek was swollen by a recent rain, and in crossing on the narrow footlog Abe fell in. Neither of us could swim. I got a long pole and held it out to Abe, who grabbed it. Then I pulled him ashore. He was almost dead, and I was badly scared. I rolled and pounded him in good earnest. Then I got him by the arms and shook him, the water meanwhile pouring out of his mouth. By this means I succeeded in bringing him to, and he was soon all right."

Then a new difficulty confronted us. If our mothers discovered our wet clothes, they would whip us. This we dreaded from experience, and determined to avoid it. It was during the sun was very warm, and we soon dried our clothing by spreading it on the rocks about us. We promised never to tell the incident, and I never mentioned the incident to any one until after Lincoln's tragic end.

Abraham Lincoln had a sister. Her name was Sallie, and she was a very pretty girl. She went to school when she could, which was not often.

"Yes, if you must know, Sallie Lincoln was my sweetheart. She was about my age. I loved her and claimed her as my bride. I suppose that was one reason for my warm regard for Abe. When the Lincoln family moved to Indiana, I was prevented by circumstances from bidding goodbye to either of the children. And I never saw them again." —Eda M. Turbell in McClure's Magazine.

#### A Daybook and Ledger of Ideas.

One of the greatest elements in successful business management is method. The judgment of a rich and a poor man is not so widely apart as their wealth. Besides, often the success is the poorer business man. The whole world of commerce depends upon the practice of bookkeeping, and all that bookkeeping is can be reduced to this: A record of business transactions kept so that they can be readily grouped and understood as a concrete whole. Bookkeeping is usually confined to a record of money transactions. A friend of mine carries the method still further. He keeps books for his ideas and the information picked up at odd moments. In his vest pocket he carries a little book which he calls his daybook. In that he records everything he wishes to remember, whether it is to buy a bottle of liquid glue to mend his little girl's doll or a sound engagement for the following week. Everything goes into the daybook from the name of a man who wants a job to a scheme to make a million that may go flitting through his head.

In addition to the daybook my friend keeps a "ledger of ideas." Into this he transfers all such matters as are likely to be needed for future reference. In his ledger, suggestions in connection with his business, all grouped in a way so that they can be turned to when needed. When a matter has been given a definite point to it, it is given a name, and then it is entered in the ledger and the ledger is entered. —Minneapolis Tribune.

#### Had Spelled.

Sarah Bernhardt, actress, died, and one of her own most cherished actresses does not always spell correctly. In a recent autograph letter of L. J. Bernhardt, she spelled Bernhardt as Bernhardt.

He himself has confessed to a lack of diligence at school, as a consequence of which his letters contain many spelling errors. John Bright was another statesman somewhat weak in the same particular. Even Oliver Wendell Holmes made a mistake in spelling the rather common word "indispensable," which he wrote "indispensible."

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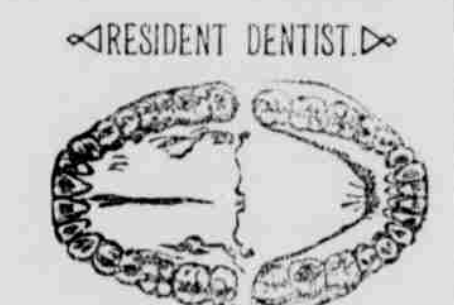
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PROBATE ORDER:—State of Michigan, County of Gratiot, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate Office in the village of Ithaca on the 15th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five. Present, John M. Everden, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Bradley Johnson, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Edgar A. Bagley, a creditor of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument now on file in this court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said deceased, may be admitted to Probate, and the Administration thereof be granted to Daniel Wood.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 18th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs-at-law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held in the Probate Office, in the village of Ithaca and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the ALMA RECORD, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) JOHN M. EVERDEN, Judge of Probate.

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Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 18th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs-at-law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held in the Probate Office, in the village of Ithaca, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted; and it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the ALMA RECORD, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) JOHN M. EVERDEN, Judge of Probate.

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